



Criminal Justice

Corrections option*

Program 21800
CIP 430107

Associate in Science Degree in Criminal Justice

The Corrections option of the Criminal Justice program addresses the professional and educational needs of students interested in careers in corrections and of personnel already employed in the field who desire to increase their proficiency or to improve their professional career opportunities.

Successful graduates of the program will be able to:

- discuss the history and philosophy of the components of the criminal justice system;
- discuss the role of the corrections officer in contemporary America;
- compare and contrast historically the philosophies of rehabilitation and punishment;
- describe both traditional and new practices being employed in correctional institutions.

Although some of the coursework is presented in the daytime, the complete option requires some evening attendance. Corrections may be pursued either full-time or part-time. During the sophomore year, cooperative education is available for students interested in the real-world application of corrections and criminal justice theory to the correctional system.

Admission to the Corrections option requires a high school diploma or equivalent and English competency as demonstrated by placement testing. Graduates of the State and County Basic Training Course of the New Jersey Correctional Staff Training Academy may receive nine credits of advanced standing in the Corrections option.

Applicants should be aware that institutions, agencies, and offices of the criminal justice system establish mental, physical, and character requirements. Persons interested in this option are advised to gain an awareness of the specific requirements for their desired work setting.

Graduates of this option have secured positions with county, state and federal correctional agencies, as well as probation and parole departments. Graduates have also gone on to pursue careers in social welfare, criminology, and law.

Students have transferred to such four-year institutions as The College of New Jersey, Temple University, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and Rutgers University. To enable transfer to baccalaureate institutions without loss of credit and with full junior status, transfer agreements have been secured with John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Fairleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey City University and Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Students interested in these opportunities should contact a Criminal Justice program advisor early in their coursework.

Curriculum

Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits
CRJ 101	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (3/0)	3
CRJ 103	Introduction to Corrections (3/0)	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (3/0)	3
	OR	
SOC 107	Social Problems (3/0)	3
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
HIS 101	History of Western Civilization to 1648 (3/0)	3
	OR	
HIS 102	History of Western Civilization Since 1648 (3/0)	3
CRJ 105	Criminology (3/0)	3
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology (3/0)	3
HIS —	Historical Perspective general ed. elective	3
MAT —	Mathematics elective ¹	3-4
CRJ 212	Juvenile Justice (3/0)	3
CMN 111	Speech: Human Communication (3/0)	3
	OR	
CMN 112	Public Speaking (3/0)	3
SOC 209	Racial, Ethnic and Minority Groups (3/0)	3
HPE 110	Concepts of Health and Fitness (1/2)†	2
— —	Science elective ²	3
— —	Elective	3
CRJ 211	Community Corrections (3/0)	3
IST 101	Computer Concepts with Applications (2/2)	3
POL —	Political Science general education elective	3
— —	Elective	3
— —	Elective	3
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¹ Select one from MAT 108, 120, 135, 141, or higher-level mathematics course.

² Select one from BIO 101, 113; CHE 101, 106; PHY 101, 111, 112.

†HPE 111 is an acceptable alternative.

*See also the Law Enforcement option, page opposite.

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